(b) Does not arise.

Diversion of Shramjeevi Express to Faizabad

4562. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal to divert Shramjeevi Express from Sultanpur to Faizabad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not feasible due to operational difficulties besides resistance from those who will be deprived of the available service.

Purchase of ABB Locomotives

4563. SHRI DIPANKER MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI MD. SALM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount invested in procuring 6000 HP Asia Brown Bovery (ABB) locomotives;

(b) the number of locomtives procured and the year of procurement;

(c) the number of above locomotives commissioned, so far freight and passenger trains and the lines/sectors where they are running;

(d) the number, still on trial run and the reasons for keeping the locomotives idle, if any, and;

(e) the return on investment till date via-a-vis load and speed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 738 cr. (approx has been invested in procuring 30 nos. high horse power AC three phase Electric Locomotives and 3 Nos. locomotives as bank of spares. These locomotives have been procured during 1995-96 and 1996-97.

(c) and (d) So far, 10 pasenger and 11 freight locomotives have been deployed to haul train services on Howrah-Delhi sector of Eastern and Northern Railways and all these locomotives are at various stages of service trials. The remaining 9 freight locomotives are at various stages of assembling and testing at Chitaranjan Locomotive Works and are planned to be turned out with in the next 5 months.

(e) It will be possible to evaluate return on the investment only after the trials are completed on full loads/speeds and locomotives are put in regular use.

Acquisition of land in Margao by KRC

4564. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Konkan Rail Corporation (KRC) in Goa sector wants to acquire 40 lakh sq. mts. of land at Margao, Goa;

(b) if so, whether this land grabbing by using draconian land Acquisition Act will deprive farmers of rice cultivable land and other land being purchased at throwaway price; and

(c) if so, whether KRC will be told to drop the idea of acquiring land at Margao?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.